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**THIRD ASSESSMENT REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL
ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chairman

1. The SBSTA took note with appreciation of the presentation made by the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Dr. Robert Watson, on the Third Assessment Report (TAR) and, in particular, its Synthesis Report.
2. The SBSTA took note of document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.6, which provides relevant information on the TAR.
3. The SBSTA invited Parties to provide their views by 15 February 2002 for compilation in a miscellaneous document on
 - (a) The implications of the information contained in the TAR; and
 - (b) Possible activities by the IPCC in support of the needs of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.
4. The SBSTA requested the secretariat:
 - (a) To organize a workshop to explore the implications of the information contained in the TAR and how the content of the TAR can facilitate the work of the SBSTA and the other Convention bodies relating to climate change, research and systematic observation, impacts of climate change and adaptation to climate change, innovative technology development, methodological issues, and other matters contained in the TAR, under the guidance of the Chairman of the SBSTA and with participation from experts identified by the IPCC, prior to its sixteenth session, pending availability of funds; and

(b) To prepare a report on that workshop for consideration by the SBSTA at its sixteenth session.

5. The SBSTA decided to consider, at its sixteenth session, the report on the workshop referred to above and the information contained in the submissions, with a view to recommending any draft decision on this matter, as appropriate, to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session.

6. The SBSTA recognized the importance of dissemination of the results of the TAR at the regional and subregional levels in the context of Article 6 of the Convention: Education, Training and Awareness.

7. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to report, at its sixteenth session, on the efforts for dissemination of information contained in the TAR called for in paragraph 6 above.

8. The SBSTA urged Parties, in their capacity as governments represented in the IPCC, to strengthen their efforts to expand the number of developing country experts in all IPCC activities. The SBSTA requested the secretariat to identify and examine how further to enhance capacity building relating to future research about climate change and its impacts on developing countries. The SBSTA further requested the secretariat to continue to cooperate with the IPCC through the Joint Working Group to facilitate further the active and effective participation of experts from developing countries in IPCC activities. It also requested the secretariat to report the results to the SBSTA at its sixteenth session.

9. The SBSTA decided to recommend a draft decision on this subject for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session. (for the text of the decision, please see FCCC/SBSTA/2001/L.17/Add.1).
